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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) listing document nos. AG7, AH7, AI7, and AJ7;
3. Copy of document nos. AG7, AH7, AI7, and AJ7; and
4. One return postcard.

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